Schools in accordance with the recommendations of the Secondary Education Commission. The Agricultural College and Veterinary College started in the current year will be properly developed in the next year.

The Pre-University and three year Degree Course are proposed to be introduced by the University during the academic year 1956-57. Three new Polytechnics are to be opened in addition to starting new courses in technical and technological institutions.

Backward Classes.

My Government have been keenly interested in measures for the amelioration of the Backward Classes. Various measures have been adopted to improve the educational, cultural, social and economic condition of the Backward Communities. My Government will, intensify these activities and expand their scope.

Schemes for the free education of members of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, welfare schemes, medical aid, aid through co-operative societies, Housing Schemes, Public Health facilities, schemes for agricultural and rural development for the benefit of the backward classes are among the various measures that are to be continued during the coming year. The condition of the Backward Classes has considerably improved during the First Plan period. It is expected that during the next Plan period greater results will be achieved in improving the condition of Backward Classes in the State.

Hill Tribes

With a view to suggesting measures for the improvement of the conditions of the Hill Tribes, a Committee was appointed to enquire into this matter. This Committee have submitted an interim report which is now under the consideration of my Government. A further report, from them is expected shortly. It is hoped that as a result of the orders passed on these reports, there will be substantial improvement in their conditions.

Labour.

The promotion and maintenance of industrial peace and the safe-guarding of the interests of both the employee and the employer will be the anxious concern of my Government. Schemes have been formulated for labour-housing which are being carried out. In the Second Five Year Plan, a scheme has been included for Plantation Labour-housing.

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